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INFO WHITE HOUSE

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TOSEC 51

SUBJECT: CYPRUS

WHITE HOUSE PASS SAN CELEMENTE FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. SISCO HAS JUST REPORTED THAT GOT HAS TAKEN FINAL
DECISION TO LAND FORCES ON CYPRUS AND OUR INFORMATION IS
THAT LANDING MAY BE UNDER WAY WITHIN THE HOUR.

2. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY GET IN TOUCH WITH PRIME MINISTER
AND IOANNIDES AND PASS TO THEM MESSAGE FROM TURKISH GOVERN-
MENT THAT TURKISH TROOPS WILL NOT OPEN FIRE IF GREEKS DO
NOT.

3. YOU SHOULD URGE GREEK GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE THAT
DIRECT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH FORCES
WOULD HAND TO THE SOVIETS
THE ADVANTAGE THEY HAVE BEEN SEEKING IN THE MIDDLE EAST
AND WOULD BE DISASTROUS FOR WESTERN INTERESTS NOT JUST
IN THE SHORT TERM BUT OVER THE YEARS AHEAD.

4. USG IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH
THE PARTIES CONCERNED FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE CONSTITU-
TIONAL SITUATION IN CYPRUS AND WE HAVE IN MIND THE POSSIBLE

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SUCCESSION OF CLERIDES. WE WOULD SUPPORT THE RETURN

TO THE LEVEL OF FORCES EXISTING PRIOR TO THE COUP.

5. SISCO WILL SHORTLY ARRIVE IN ATHENS AND IF GOG AGREES TO PROCEED ALONG THE ABOVE LINES, SISCO WOULD RETURN AT ONCE TO ANKARA TO PUT THESE IDEAS TO THE TURKS.

6. YOU SHOULD TELL GOG THAT WE HAVE TRIED OUR UTMOST TO AVOID TURKISH INTERVENTION IN THE WAKE OF THE COUP, BUT NOW THAT IT HAS OCCURRED, GOG WHICH MUST BEAR A SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS SITUATION, MUST JOIN WITH US IN SEEKING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL PRESERVE THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF ALL CONCERNED. WE CALL UPON THE GREEKS TO EXERCISE THAT DEGREE OF RESTRAINT AND STATESMANSHIP WITHOUT WHICH THE PEACE OF THE MIDDLE EAST IS IN THE GRAVEST DANGER. INGERSOLL

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